

April 4, 2023

Bettina Ketcham
Secretary Treasurer, School District 40
New Westminster, V3M 0J7
By email: bketcham@sd40.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Ketcham,

Re: Request for Semi-Annual DPAC Funding

As a parent volunteer organization devoted solely to advocacy, DPAC does not engage in fundraising activities in the same way that individual school PACs do. Instead, we are fully funded by a provincial gaming grant and a stipend from the District. Our annual gaming grant is fully dispersed to our member PACs to support their parent and caregiver education activities. However, many of our operational costs can not be paid for from the provincial gaming grant, and thus we are kindly asking for a \$2500 stipend from the District to support DPAC operational costs for the upcoming 2023/24 school year.

Our most recent annual stipend was received from the District for the amount of \$2000 for the 2020/21 school year. We have experienced lowered operational costs as we proceeded through the COVID-19 pandemic moving most of our meetings and events to a virtual format. We anticipate our operation costs to increase slightly moving forward. Our operational costs are directed towards supporting the PACs and school communities of SD40. We work to provide invaluable knowledge and resources to our PACs and the parent and caregiver community, as well as opportunities for connections between families, their school communities and the District.

We have attached our 2022/23 budget for reference on how we allocated our operational funding this year. We anticipate relatively few changes to this budget for the coming school year. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Laura Kwong
SD40 DPAC Chair

CC: Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent and CEO

Attachment: DPAC Budget 2022-23 Mar-13-2023